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REMARKS

In the Office Action Summary under Status in Box 1, it is set forth that the Final Office Action is "Responsive to communication(s) filed on **08 May 2002**", emphasis added. Applicant assumes that the Final Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on **August 30, 2002**. Please contact the undersigned Attorney for Applicant if this is incorrect.

To expedite prosecution, Claims 27 and 30 have been amended to incorporate the features of Claims 40 and 32, respectively. Accordingly, Claims 40 and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice and Claims 41 and 33 have been amended to depend from Claims 27 and 30, respectively.

Claims 1-22 have also been cancelled without prejudice.

The sections below are numbered to correspond with the section numbering used in the Office Action.

1/2) Claims 27-31, 38-39 are novel over Nguyen.

As set forth below in section 3, Claims 27 and 30 are allowable. Claims 28-29, which depend from Claim 27, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 27. Claims 31, 38-39, which depend from Claim 30, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 30.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

3) Allowable Subject Matter.

The Examiner states:

Claims 32-34, and 40-41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office Action, page 4, emphasis added.)

Claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the features of Claim 40 and is therefore allowable. Claim 41, which depends

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from Claim 27, is allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 27.

Claim 30 has been amended to incorporate the features of Claim 32 and is therefore allowable. Claims 33-34, which depend from Claim 30, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 30.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to Claims 33-34, and 41.

As to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

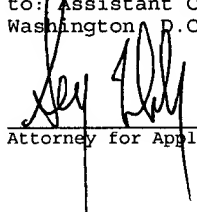
All claim amendments are directed to a matter of form only and place the application in a condition for allowance. Thus, this Amendment is entitled to entry under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

CONCLUSION

Claims 27-31, 33-34, 38-39, 41 are pending in the application. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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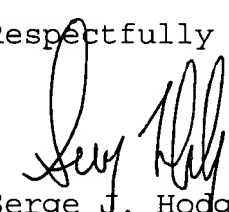


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Peter Cuong Dac Ta

Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Title: CIRCUIT BOARD RETAINING BRACKETS

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22, 32 and 40 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 27, 30, 33 and 41 have been amended as follows:

27. (TWICE AMENDED) A structure comprising a retaining bracket, said retaining bracket comprising:

a body comprising:

a first arm;

a second arm; and

a support beam;

a first extension attached to a first end of said body, said first extension comprising a mounting aperture; and

a second extension, a first end of said second extension attached to a second end of said body, a second end of said second extension including a first protrusion and a second protrusion, wherein said first arm, said second arm, and said support beam are integrally attached together at said first end and said second end of said body,

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said structure further comprising a circuit board comprising a first retaining clip and a second retaining clip, said first arm contacting said first retaining clip, said second arm contacting said second retaining clip.

30. (TWICE AMENDED) A structure comprising a retaining bracket, said retaining bracket comprising:

a body;

a first extension attached to a first end of said body, said first extension comprising a mounting aperture; and

a second extension, a first end of said second extension attached to a second end of said body, a second end of said second extension including a first protrusion and a second protrusion, wherein said first extension and said second extension are perpendicular to said body;

a first lip defined by said first protrusion; and

a second lip defined by said second protrusion,

said structure further comprising:

a first circuit board housing;

a first mounting stud extending from said first circuit board housing, said first mounting stud engaged with said first lip; and

a second mounting stud extending from said first circuit board housing, said second mounting stud engaged with said second lip.

33. (AMENDED) The structure of Claim [32] 30 further comprising:

a second circuit board housing;

a screw passing through said mounting aperture and threaded into a threaded structure in or adjacent said second circuit board housing.

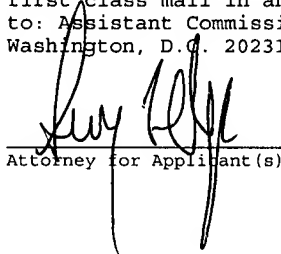
41. (AMENDED) The structure of Claim [40] 27 wherein said first arm locks said first retaining clip in place and

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wherein said second arm locks said second retaining clip in place.

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